

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-21 are pending herein. Claim 1 has been amended as supported by Figs. 8-13 of the present application, for example. Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 2-6 are allowable and claims 7-21 are allowed.

Examiner Luk is thanked for courtesies extended to Applicant's undersigned representative during a telephonic interview on December 20, 2005. During the interview, Examiner Luk indicated that he would favorably reconsider the rejection of record based on the above amendments to claim 1.

1. Claim 1 was rejected under §102(b) in view of Bosković. To the extent that this rejection may be applied against amended claim 1, it is respectfully traversed.

Amended claim 1 recites, among other things, an ejector apparatus for forming an undercut portion in a molded piece comprising an adjustment coupling that supports a lower end portion of a lift core and is supported so as to be capable of allowing for the length of the lift core to be increased or decreased in a longitudinal direction of the lift core among a variety of fixed positions with respect to the ejector plate.

Boskovic discloses, in Fig. 1, an unadjustable connection between a lift core 10 and a sliding support 28. For the lift core 10 to be stably attached to sliding support 28, the rounded end of the lift core 10 must be securely held within the mating socket 50 within the sliding support 20 using a bolt 56. If the bolt 56 is loosened, a gap will form between the lift core 10 and the sliding support 28 allowing the lift core 10 to freely move along its axis and rotate about its axis in an unstable manner. Therefore, Boskovic fails to disclose an adjustment coupling that supports a lower end portion of a lift core and is supported so as to be capable of allowing for the length of the lift core to be increased or decreased in a longitudinal direction of the lift core among a variety of fixed positions with respect to the ejector plate, as recited in claim 1. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

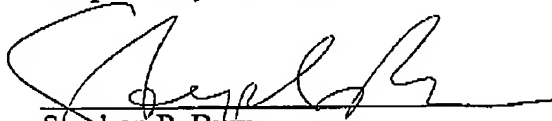
For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims herein are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Examiner Luk is requested to issue a Notice of Allowance in due course.

If Examiner Luk believes that contact with Applicant's attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, he is herein requested to call Applicant's attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,

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